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#### PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Folkbia three of these reports have been translated and issued by

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most released working backward, but omitting those already translated by The numbering of the items was added by the translated by inclusive. The numbering of the items was added by the translater since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

5 August 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 1/8

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

### 1.) Personnel Situation

(1) According to the decree of the Council of NK, draft exemptions, which were authorized up to 1 August, for the following installations were extended up to 1 September:

Truck and Tractor Sales in Erevan

"Utilsoyuz"

Plant "Lenin" (subordinate to the Mortar Industry) in Georgievsk (Ordzhonikidze Oblast).

- (2) The Military Authority in Astrakhan intends to take over the area of the technical school for the River Fleet for other purposes. The NKRF Office in Astrakhan raised an objection against it.
- (3) Despite all decrees, which assure the permanency of the labor force of the River Fleet, the local Party office in Kujbyshev conscripted 20 persons of the River Fleet for work in other organizations. After serious objection this measure was rescinded.
- (4) In Sverdlovsk students who completed the first half-semester were drafted into NKRF offices for timber service procurement.
- (5) All members of the trade schools at NKRF plants in Cherdyn, Gorodets, Raznezhe, Voskressensk, and Vetluga are scheduled for the NKRF and may not be released for the time being.
- (6) NKRF offices are lacking their own bureau personnel so that several offices are behind with the monthly accounts.
- (7) The attempts mentioned several times in Military-Economic Reports concerning cultural guidance of personnel are being stressed once again by NKRF offices. The NKRF office in Yakutsk requires a corresponding trained force for the followin g landing places: Yakutsk, Vitim, Kirensk, Osetrovo, Zhigalovo. The problem concerns landing places, where as a rule the greater assemblage of ships results and a corresponding number of transport workers is present.

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(8) The following offices received bonuses in June for good competitive performance:

Bonus (Rubles)	Installation	Remarks
15,000	NKRF Plant "Molotov" in Gorkij	
25,000	Ust-Usa NKRF	
40,000	Chardzhou NKRF	Will be divided among 5 persons
115,000	Novosibirsk NKRF	River bank and adminis- trative personnel
80,000	Omsk NKRF	
15,000	Semipalatin sk	

#### 2.) Food Situation

(9) On 18 July 1943 a decree of the Council of People's Commissars of the Soviet
Union was announced on the collection of the harvest and the procurement of agricultural products in 1943. It was particularly stressed that securing the food situation of the Front and
Home was of the greatest importance. The State and Party organs were urgently warned
against repeating the mistakes which occurred in the harvest of the previous year. The text
of the decree reads:

#### I. Harvest work

- 1. Planning anticipated harvest work and the delivery of the harvest are to be worked out at once.
- 2. Repairs on agricultural machinery must be completed immediately.
- 3. During the harvest work qualified workers (locksmiths, smiths, etc.) from the industrial plants must be made available to machine and tractor stations.
- 4. The machine and tractor stations are to be supplied on time with sufficient motor fuel.
- 5. The division of the necessary agricultural machines shall be undertaken at once.
- 6. The total working population of the cities and also of the villages must be drafted for the harvest work. The city population must furnish about 45 to 50 days work in the sovkhozes, and about 50 to 60 days of work in the kolkhozes. Students and minors will be taken into the work 15 to 20 and 20 to 30 days respectively.
- 7. The preparations for the harvest work are to be controlled by the State and Party organizations.

### II. Harvest of Grain and Oil Fruits

- 1. The machines may be used not less than 16 hours daily during the harvest time.
- The cut grain shall not be allowed to remain in the fields.
- 3. The threshing shall begin not later than 6 days after the beginning of the cutting. The threshing machines must be in operation no less than 20 hours daily.
- 4. Particular attention is to be devoted to the harvest of millet. The harvest is to be completed in the minimum time.
- 5. Areas for seed grain are designated as follows: For winter grains and rye, 12%; for oats and barley, 13%; for summer buckwheat, 16%; for flax, 16%; for rice, 5%; for maize (?).
- 6. In case an excess of seed grain should be present, the kolkhozes must first supply the needs of the State and may then use this grain for other purposes.
- 7. Corn should not lie over ten days on the threshing floor.
- 8. The kolkhoz farmers can receive the following advance: 16%, grain; 10%, rice; 5%, sunflowers; and 15%, potatoes. The advance will be made up at the end of the year. The kolkhoz farmers, who have not fulfilled the minimum number of work days, will receive no advance. The advance can be calculated at up to 11/2 kilos of corn and up to 5 kilos of potatoes per work day.
- 9. Whoever takes corn wrongfully will be punished most severely.

## III. Procurement of Grain and Oil Fruits

- 1. The plan must be fulfilled in the time prescribed by the Government under all circumstances. The attention of the individual kolkhoz must be immediately directed to this.
- 2. The transport of grain should take place no later than 7 days after the threshing work. All kolkhozes must organize special transport brigades.
- 3. Before the harvest and the deliveries are completed, neither the labor force nor the transport equipment can be used for other purposes.
- 4. The Peoples' Commissariat of Sovkhozes has to make available grain elevators with a total storage capacity of 500,000 tons.

- 5. The sovkhozes and the auxiliary enterprises furnish for each seeded hectare the half of the norm established for the kolkhozes. The sovkhozes and the auxiliary enterprises in the vicinity of the city have to deliver wheat and rye with the exception of seed rye, and this cultivation may not be applied otherwise.
- 6. Kolkhozes, which in 1943 raise no oil fruits, but have to deliver such products, can compensate for this by delivery of grain in the same quantity. The kolkhozes must count in the cost the price differential arising thereby.
- 7. The Kraj and the Oblast' Executive Committees and the Executive Committees of the Republics are given the legal right, to transport the grain, to commandeer up to 50% of the reserves of the truck parks of the civil enterprises and 30% of the truck parks of the war industry.

## IV. Procurement of Potatoes and Vegetables

1. The potato and vegetable harvest is to be completed before the onset of the autumnal frosts. Fifteen percent of the potato digging will be used for seed potatoes. In the followin g oblasti 18% of the potato diggings may be used as seed potatoes, since the future area grown to potatoes is being increased: Kujbyshev, Saratov, Stalingrad, Chkalov, Penza, Tambov, Voronezh, Rostov, Voroshilovgrad, Krasnodar, Stavropol, Tatar A.S.S.R., Kalmyk A.S.S.R., Georgia S.S.R., Armenia, Azerbajdzhan, Turkmen, Uzbek, Tadzhik, Kirgiz, Dzhambul, South Kazakhstan, Aktyubinsk, West Kazakhstan, Kustanai, Karaganda, A.S.S.R. Kazakhstan.

### V. Procurement of Industrial Plants

### A. Sugar Beets

1. The sugar beet digging begins for the Uzbek S.S.R. 15 to 20 August, for the S.S.R. Kirgiz and Kazakhstan (irrigated regions) 15 August, for the other regions 1 to 10 September. Close of the digging in the S.S.R. oblasti of Uzbek, Kazakhstan and Kirgiz is 15 November, the end of the transport is 15 December. For the S.S.R. Georgia and Armenia and for the Oblast<sup>†</sup> of Krasnodar the conclusion of the sugar beet digging is 15 November, the end of the transport is 25 November; for the Oblasti Altai, Krasnoyarsk, Khabarovsk, Kemerovo, Novosibirsk, and of the A.S.S.R. Buryat-Mongolia (the digging season begins) 10 October and the transport end 10 November; in the other regions the

completion of the digging is 20 October and the end of the transport is 20 November.

- 2. In order to accelerate the digging of sugar beets, the kolkhozes can give to their members for each centner of sugar beets dug 40 grams of sugar. The final calculation of the sugar will be computed by the mills after the completion of all sugar beet deliveries.
- 3. Half grown sugar beets must be sorted out by the kolkhozes before the delivery.
- 4. For each delivered centner of sugar beets, the drivers, chauffeurs and transport workers will receive the following quantities of sugar on the account of the kolkhoz:

	Drivers	Chauffeurs	Transport Workers
Up to 6 kilometers	10 grams	2 grams	2 grams
6-15 kilometers	25	5	3
Over 15 kilometers	40	8	4

(note: The drivers receive the higher allotment, because they take care of the loading and unloading of the sugar beets themselves.)

#### B.) Flocks, Flax, and Hemp

- 1. During the picking of flocks, the quality sorts must be harvested separately.
- 2. The cotton delivery of the old harvests has to be carried out by 1 September at the latest. On account of the lack of storage sheds, the temporary roofs must be built as well as using other free space.
- 3. The picking of cotton is to be completed by 20 November.
- 4. The threshing of flax and of hemp is to be begun before the completion of the entire harvest. The threshing is to be completed at the latest 10 days after the close of the harvest work.

#### C. Tobacco and Makhorka

- Only ripe tobacco and makhorka may be harvested. Over-ripe kinds should not be delivered.
- 2. The following dates will be established for the tobacco harvest: (a) For the tobacco in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Kirgiz S.S.R., in the Tadzhik and Turkmen S.S.R., in the Altai and Khabarovsk, Stalingrad, and Voronezh Oblasti, and in the Kalmyk A.S.S.R. no later than 20 September; in the Armenian A.S.S.R. and in the Krasnodar Oblasti no later than 10 October.

3. For makhorka in the Altai, Krasnoyarsk, Khabarovsk, Omsk, Kurgan, Kemerovo, Vologda, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Sverdlovsk, and Molotov Oblasti, in the Udmurt and Buryat-Mongolia A.S.S.R. no later than 1 September; in the Stavropol Oblast' and Dagestan A.S.S.R. no later than 1 October; in the other regions no later than 20 September.

### D. Kok-saghyz

- 1. The harvest of the two-year old kok-saghyz is to be completed in a two week period. The harvest for the one-year kok-saghyz is to be completed as of 5 October with the exception of the following oblasti; in the Kemerovo, Kurgan, Novosibirsk, Omsk, North Kazakhstan, Kustanai, and Molotov oblasti the harvest is to be completed by 25 September.
- 2. The People's Commissariat of the Rubber Industry has to provide the necessary storage bases as of 20 July.

#### E. Clover and lucerne

- 1. Clover and lucerne are to be harvested within five days.
- 2. The hulling has to follow within 20 days. This order is to be made known to all Party and Komsomol assemblies as well as to all kolkhozes, sovkhozes and machine tractor conferences.
- (10) According to a radio conversation between Alma Ata and Kustanai, the late sowing in the northern part of Kustanai Oblast' proceeds particularly well. The early sowing on the contrary is greatly overgrown with weeds, so that mowing is not possible. Consequently, the southern part of Kustanai Oblast' is not harvested. The continued rainy weather does not permit a harvest in both parts of the oblast'.
  - (11) In the following oblasti the following quantities of bread grain were harvested:

Semipalatinsk 17% Akmolinsk 52% Karaganda 64%

- (12) In the vicinity of Raznezhe-meadows for the raising of hay, are to be procured, since the increased horse transports are arriving from Yakutiya.
- (13) From Uralsk NKRF very poor catches of fish were reported. The yearly plan for Uralsk amounted to 1,000 double centners of fish. However, up to 1 July, the results of the catch amounted to only 83 double centners. This situation is mainly the result of the

order forbidding the catching of fish in certain areas.

- (14) Kujbyshev NKRF had a fish catch of 150 double centners in the second quarter. Since the beginning of the year the fish catch has run up to 202 double centners.
- (15) The care of the base and the youth organizations in Ust Usa Rajon has been turned over to the Local Executive Authorities by the Central Committee of the Union.
- (16) The Wine Trust in Erevan is obligated to send 10 cars of wine to the Food Supply of the Leningrad Front in Leningrad. The Wine Trust can only carry out the transport, if the payment of the freight in the amount of 15,000 rubles per car is received.

(17) Authorized requirements and deliveries at the responsible People's Commissariats:

			Requirement	s -	
	Consignee	Quantity	Food and Drink	Consignor	Remarks
(18)	Sokolki, NKRF	10,000 liters	Schnaps	<del></del>	To supply workers engaged in loading salt
(19)	Rostov, NKRF	2,000	Spirits		For the preparation of fruit syrup and brandy mash
			Deliveries		
(20)	Kujbyshev, NKRF	10 tons	Grain Middlin	gs Kujbyshev, Grain Procurement	For feeding young cattle
(21)	Chkalov, NKRF	0.5	Grain fodder		In July 1943
(22)	Molotov, NKRF	0.5	Grain fodder		In July 1943
(23)	Pyatigorsk, NKVD	7	Macaroni products	Groznyj, Maca- roni Factory	In August 1943
(24)	Krasnodar, Oil Factory	1,020	Castor oil	Saratov	
(25)	Krasnodar, Oil Factory	2,752	Sunflower seeds	Saratov	4
(26)	Kirov, Chief	831	Fish	Kujbyshev, NKRF	
()	Directorate for Fish Sales		11311	?	
(27)	Zestafoni, Iron Foundry	10	Fish products	Baku, Fish Sales	

#### 3.) Metal Supply

(28) For the securing of the manganese supply, Stalin issued a decree on 23 July which, among other things, discloses the following: For the preparation of manganese-iron, the People's Commissariat for Transportation, the People's Commissariat of Merchant Shipping, the Chief of the Transcaucasus Railway and the Chief of the Caspian Merchant Fleet were ordered to speed up the transport of manganese from Chiaturi to the metallurgical combines in

Magnitogorsk and Kuznetsk.

In view of the importance of this transport, it was ordered put immediately behind operative transports, in second place.

On the direct railway routes are to be shipped 145,000 tons, includin g:

in July 10,000 tons in August 45,000 in September 45,000 in October 45,000

On the water-railway route, with transfers in Baku-Krasnovodsk 125,000 tons are to be shipped, including:

in July 15,000 tons in August 35,000 in September 45,000 in October 30,000

The aforementioned decree will also apply to the following railways:

Ordzhonikidze Railway Ryazano-Ural Railway Ashkhabad Railway Tashkent Railway Orenburg Railway South Ural Railway Turkestan-Siberian Railway Tomsk Railway

Of the 80,000 tons of manganese ore to be delivered in August, 45,000 tons will be shipped direct by rail and 35,000 tons by transfer in Baku-Krasnovodsk. They are to be delivered to the following places:

Magnitogorsk Metal Combine	69,000 tons
Kuznetsk Metal Combine	5,500
Zestafoni Metal Combine	2,630
Bandyushsk Metal Combine	600
Factory in Klyuchevskaya	500
Aktyubinsk	400
Plant #754 and #389, each 200 tons	400
Plant #587, #220, #594, each 150 tons	450
Plant A	120
Plant Elektrozink	100
Plant AB	50
Plant #237	50

(29) Identified planned figures for scrap iron deliveries in the third quarter:

Quantity	Place of Delivery
500 tons	Molotov NKRF
100	Omsk NKRF
60	Blagoveshchensk NKRF
50	Tiflis, People's Commissariat for Meat and Dairy
	Industry
30	Ufa NKRF
20	Chardzhou NKRF
10	Ilijsk NKRF

(30) Ufa NKRF is to receive 20 tons of scrap in the third quarter and use it, so far as applicable, for ship repair work, since high-grade material is not available.

The following authorizations of raw material, semi-finished goods, and finished products were identified:

	Consignee	Quantity	Type	Consignor	Remarks
∄31).	Omsk, NKRF	10 tons	Iron	Sverdlovsk, CD for Metal Sale	In July-August s
(32)	Kujbyshev, NKRF	6	Ferro-	Kujbyshev, CD for	
			silicon	Metal Sales	In July
[33)	Astrakhan, NKRF	13.6	Tool steel		For 3rd quarter
		150	Pipe	Pervouralsk,	•
•			-	Pipe Mill	
<u>34</u> )	Omsk, NKRF	300 meters	Pipe	Plant #705	
		40 tons	Sheet iron	From various suppliers	
[35)	Molotov, Plant ''Staryj-Burlak''	147	Sheet		40 40 40
36)	Gorkij, Steamship	10	Roofing	Chermos, NKRF	
	Agency Supply		sheets	Plant	
37)	Chistopol, NKRF	5	Roofin g sheets	Gorkij	
38)	Stalingrad, NKRF	31.5	Wire	Beloretsk	
39)	Chkalov, NKRF	1.5	Nails	Gorkij	Supplemental, in the 3rd quarter
40)	Gorkij, NKRF	25	Steel cable	Astrakhan	Imported product
41)	Astrakhan, Lower Volga Steamship Agency	40 pieces	Hatchets	Sverdlovsk	
-42)		40 tons of stee	el cable from E	Baku and must transf	er it to the Navy.

### 4.) Production and Construction

(43) The State Committee for Defense ordered the reconstruction of the Oil Industry in Froznyj carried out in the shortest time. The work is hampered, since there are no transport rucks. In order to overcome this adversity, the truck repair garage in Tiflis is instructed to epair immediately 56 trucks belonging to the Oil Combine in Groznyj.

(44) A series of NKRF bases received for July additional work orders, and an additional labor force and money were authorized to complete the orders:

Organization	Laborers	Supplemental Fund Rubles	Purpose
Gorodets, NKRF	65	21,000	For peat digging
Zvenigovo, NKRF	40	8,500	For timber procure-
			ment
Gorkij, NKRF	60	20,000	11
-	125	43,000	17 -
Gorkij, Plant			
"Teplokhod"	80	28,000	. 17

(45) The following NKRF shipyards report their present situation on ship construction:

Alekseevka	has 4 flat boats	40 tons each	71% constructed
Kryushi	has 2 flat boats	40 tons each	72% constructed
Plant "Kujbyshev"			
in Kujbyshev	has 8 flat boats	40 tons each	58% constructed

- (46) The Baturino Shipyard completed three barges in July.
- (47) A new shippard is planned for construction in Omsk. In the Raznezh'e shippard three barges of 250 tons each were to be built in the fourth quarter by members of trade schools. The plan is being altered to the end, that a grain barge of 1,700 tons is to be built by September.
- (48) In Salekhard (925 kilometers west of Tobolsk on the Ob) the expansion of the base for the transfer of goods is foreseen.
- (49) For a series of auxiliary plants for various NKRF bases, the personnel situation and compensatory funds for the third quarter have been identified as set forth in the following table:

	Uralsk NI	<u>KRF</u>	Stalingrad NKRF		Kujl	Kujbyshev NKRF	
	For Personnel	Compensa- tion Fund Rubles	For Personnel	Compen- sation Fund Rubles	For		Compen- sation Fund Rubles
Aux liary plants not belonging to bas	 e		50	45,000	60	45,	000
Operational repairs	= 0	■ eb	40	32,000	60	66,	000
Warehouses	9	11, 500	80	80,000	80	78,	500
Other			350	253,000	280	196,	000
Auto and truck transport	4	4,500	60	48,000	60	48,	000
Printing plants	13	14,000	17	18,000	30	34,	500
Timber procure- ment	12	11,000	120	80,000	113	101,	200

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(50) The following sums were authorized for NKRF enterprises in Stalingrad according to the July plan:

For general overhaul work 300,000 rubles
For operational repairs 580,000
For other work 280,000
Extra 120,000

- (51) According to a Government decree, r epair work required for the winter must be carried out on dwellings in Novosibirsk and half of the fuel required for the winter must be assured.
  - (52) In Uralsk NKRF the fabrication plan for single parts is proceeding badly.
- (53) For construction work the **Ka**spi cement plant (located 40 kilometers northwest of Tiflis) is to carry out the following deliveries of cement in August:

To Plant "Elektrozink" in Ordzhonikidze 2 cars
To the Zadonsk Combine 3 cars
To the Plant in Alaverdy 1 car

(54) Newly identified plants:

NKRF Plant in Chermos (85 kilometers north of Perm) Plant #734 in Sverdlovsk